

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
Application No.: 10/630,751  
Atty Docket No.: Q71391

upper pre-coat layer of Tomiyasu et al can be considered to be an orientation control layer is not correct.

In addition, the description of Tomiyasu et al is centered on a horizontal magnetic recording medium, and does not disclose any example of a perpendicular magnetic recording medium.

In view of the above, applicants submit that Tomiyasu et al and Chang et al do not disclose or suggest the subject matter of claims 1 to 12 and, accordingly, request withdrawal of this rejection.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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